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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter dated September 9, 2003, to Attorney General Ashcroft in which you inquire as to what steps the Department of Justice is taking to address the recommendations

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.


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- The Bureau of Prison (BOP) has created a new policy statement that establishes a management category that provides clear guidance on the rights and proper handling of detainees, as well as specific procedures for highly-restrictive conditions of confinement for detainees.
- The BOP has completed its review of the Special Housing Unit at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Brooklyn. The MDC revised its policies based on this review and the Inspector General's recommendations.

As you can see, we have studied the report in detail and have worked extremely hard on the appropriate implementation of the Inspector General's recommendations. We now have the experience of the September 11 investigation and the Inspector General's report to assist us if we ever have to face a similar situation again.

If we can be of any further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William E. Moschella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "E".

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure